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House Resolution 560

By: Representatives Watson of the 91st, Sailor of the 93rd, Mangham of the 94th, Mosby of the 90th, Williams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr. for his 32 years of pastoring
- 2 and his 40 years of ministering; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr. was installed as pastor of Greater St. Stephen
- 4 Missionary Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana in 1975, just 25 years after his birth;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, under his direction, the ministry grew from 647 members to over 20,000
- 7 members, and Greater St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church now has three church
- 8 locations, offers eight worship services per week, provides affordable housing for over 125
- 9 families at St. Stephen City and at St. Stephen Manor, and has an office building for its
- 10 corporate headquarters; and
- WHEREAS, Bishop Morton answered another call to begin Full Gospel Baptist Church
- 12 Fellowship, a movement to lead and teach the people of God, particularly Baptist people,
- 13 how to operate in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, yet remain on the same foundation which
- 14 is Jesus Christ; and
- WHEREAS, under the leadership of this great visionary, many thousands of people have
- been blessed, encouraged, inspired, and delivered through the establishment of five different
- 17 ministries in Louisiana that are changing people's lives and bringing them closer to God; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in addition to his world-wide evangelistic ministry and pastorship of Greater
- 19 St. Stephen, Bishop Morton continues to spread the word of God through the *Changing A*
- 20 Generation daily radio and weekly television broadcasts which air in several markets
- 21 nationwide; and

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1 WHEREAS, he has authored several books, including Why Kingdoms Fall, It's Time for the

- 2 Outpouring, and What is the Full Gospel Baptist Church?, which have inspired people
- 3 looking to strengthen their relationship with God; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in addition to being a dynamic preacher, most proficient teacher, and
- 5 recognized author, Bishop Morton is a world-renowned singer, having released his nationally
- 6 recognized solo album entitled Crescent City Fire in addition to his five albums with the
- 7 Greater St. Stephen Mass Choir, and two recordings with the Full Gospel Baptist Church
- 8 Fellowship Mass Choir.
- 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 10 the members of this body honor and commend Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr., a dynamic
- man of God, for 32 years of pastoring and 40 years of ministering, his many contributions
- to mankind, and all the good he is doing for this world.
- 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Paul Sylvester
- 15 Morton, Sr.